

**PARTNERING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
NEVADA DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
AND
NAVAL AIR STATION FALLON / ENGINEERING FIELD ACTIVITY-NW**

I. PURPOSE, OBJECTIVES, AND GOALS

This document formalizes a partnering agreement between the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and two entities in the U.S. Navy - Naval Air Station Fallon (NASF) and Engineering Field Activity-Northwest (EFA-NW) (referred to as the Navy). This agreement supports an effort to move forward with closing out all sites under the Navy's Installation Restoration Program (IRP) initiated in 1988 at NASF. The objectives of this Partnering Agreement are to meet IRP goals and move the program forward; systematically identify closure requirements; create a collaborative approach toward closure and remediation operations; and foster a commitment toward communication and trust between NDEP and the Navy. Specific IRP goals include the following:

- Protect human health and the environment.
- Close all sites by meeting all applicable Federal and State requirements.
- Appropriately characterize and document efforts at all contaminated sites as well as remediate sites efficiently and cost effectively.
- Involve stakeholders and address their concerns.
- Meet programmatic requirements for setting up the Department of Defense State Memorandum of Agreement Cooperative Agreement (DSMOA/CA).

II. BACKGROUND

A. Parties

The IRP sites covered under this agreement are located at NASF. NASF and EFA-NW have divided roles and responsibilities relating to the IRP. NDEP has regulatory oversight of the IRP regarding compliance with Federal and State requirements. This Partnering Agreement seeks to create a collaborative environment to enhance open communication, trust, and teamwork between NDEP and the Navy for working toward closing the IRP sites.

B. Sites

Twenty-seven sites were originally listed under the IRP at NASF in 1988. A Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection (PA/SI) in 1988 concluded that six of those sites posed no threat to human health and the environment. The remaining 21 sites were further characterized in a remedial investigation (RI).

Only Site 13, Boiler Plant Tanks, has been closed out by NDEP, and is not considered within the scope of the Partnering Agreement. Of the 20 remaining identified sites in the RI: (a) six are undergoing active cleanup; (b) eleven sites are recommended for designation of no further action; and (c) three sites are landfills. These 20 sites, plus the six sites determined in the PA/SI to pose no threat, are the sites covered